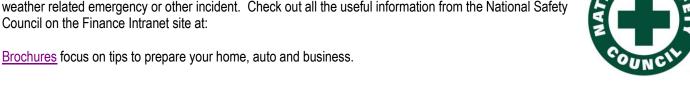


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#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Summer has blown in furiously with rain, floods, hail, wind and heat. With Kentucky's ever changing and erratic weather, now is a good time to make sure your house, car and more are prepared in case of a weather related emergency or other incident. Check out all the useful information from the National Safety Council on the Finance Intranet site at:



## Help Kentucky State Parks—Vote in the Coca-Cola Campaign

Several Kentucky State Parks are looking for votes as part of Coca-Cola's "Take It To The Park" campaign that is underway through July 15. Cash prizes that can be used for recreation projects go to the winning parks as part of an effort to encourage people to get out and get exercise. You can vote for your favorite park once a day during the campaign.

Visit <a href="http://parks.livepositively.com/parks/assets/shared/index.html">http://parks.livepositively.com/parks/assets/shared/index.html</a> to vote and learn more about the campaign. The top prize is \$100,000 for the winning park. The following Kentucky State Parks are participating:

Barren River Lake State Resort Park Big Bone Lick State Historic Site Carter Caves State Resort Park Columbus-Belmont State Park Fort Boonesborough State Park General Butler State Resort Park Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Lake Cumberland State Resort Park My Old Kentucky Home State Park Rough River Dam State Resort Park Waveland State Historic Site

For more information about these and other Kentucky State Parks, including lodging and camping reservations, visit <a href="www.parks.ky.gov">www.parks.ky.gov</a>

#### **eTranscript Initiative Streamlines College Admissions Process**

From KHEAA Counselor Connection, June 2013

Beginning this summer, Kentucky high school students can electronically send their transcripts and other documents to colleges that participate in the Parchment Exchange. There is no cost to students, high schools or colleges. Fifteen high schools and three state universities provided input to develop the common Kentucky electronic transcript (eTranscript).

Most high school students submit college admissions applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The eTranscript function will complete the online delivery of all materials necessary for college admissions. This solution has reduced costs and saved time in schools nationwide. High school students and counselors benefit by having a simplified request and delivery mechanism available at all times. Colleges benefit by having one transcript format to work from, less mail to process and the ability to integrate with the Common Application used by many colleges and universities.

All Kentucky public high schools will use the eTranscript process, so the state will not have to support multiple processes and formats.

The eTranscript system was developed through a partnership of KHEAA, the Kentucky Department of Education, and the Council on Postsecondary Education. Those state agencies worked with Infinite Campus, which provides Kentucky's K-12 Student Information System, and Parchment Inc., which provide the eTranscript exchange. The Kentucky agencies will pay for Kentucky eTranscript under a five-year contract with Infinite Campus.

Please contact DeDe Conner with the Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services at dede.conner@education.ky.gov for more information.

### **Finance Cabinet Big Winner at Safety Awards Celebration**

On June 18, the state's Executive Safety Advisory Committee (ESAC) recognized safety award recipients at its annual event. The Finance and Administration Cabinet was well represented and received 28 awards! The ESAC Safety Award recognizes cabinets, departments, divisions or the equivalent of the executive branch that achieve 12 months of work without experiencing a lost-time injury. The award is designed to support all programs that intend to reduce occupational injuries. Congratulations everyone!



L-R: Mary Hook, Personnel; Danny Ford, Surplus Property; Natalie Holloman, Jennifer Linton, Paul McPherson, Charles Bush, Dept. for Facilities & Support Svcs; Don Speer, Procurement; Ed Ross, Controller's Ofc; Robin Kinney, Secretary's Office; Al Perkins, Controller's Ofc; Katrina Lemay, COT; Elyse Weigel, Revenue.

## **Taking Care of Storm Damaged Trees**

**Advice from the Landscape Branch** 

Recent strong storms have come through central Kentucky causing a wide range of damage to trees. Some trees are naturally more prone to damage than others but, depending on the severity of the storm, no tree is immune from damage. As a homeowner you will want to first assess the damage and determine if you can handle the clean up or let a tree professional tackle the issue. Some things to look for:



- 1) Are any power lines involved with the tree? If so this is definitely a job for the utility company.
- 2) Has the entire tree been weakened by the damage? This is a judgment call as to whether the tree is structurally sound and will it be aesthetically pleasing after being worked on. The primary objective is the safety of those who will be around the tree in the future.

**REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST.** Whenever working around trees that have been damaged--be careful! Kentucky recently lost a tree professional who was killed while trimming trees in a right-of-way. If you use a chainsaw remember to wear the appropriate hearing, eye and leg protection.

For more information on how to address damaged trees, go to <a href="http://msucares.com/pubs/infosheets/is1355.html">http://msucares.com/pubs/infosheets/is1355.html</a>, the Mississippi Extension website. Of particular interest in that publication is the proper way to prune out large limbs using a three (3) cut method to avoid further damage to the tree. You may also note that they do not recommend applying any type of wound dressing.

# Kudos to Tom Crawford, Dept. of Revenue, for finding last week's artiFACt!

Tom found the erroneous use of "effect" in the following sentence:

This budget bill effects all state employees paid by the Commonwealth of Kentucky...

#### The Volts are Here! The Volts are Here!



Fleet Management recently announced that it purchased two Chevy Volts and a charging station with money from LG&E/KU. The two Volts are assigned to Postal Services to use in and around Frankfort. Short, local trips, where the driver can use the electric engine exclusively, could realize anywhere from 50 to 100 percent fuel cost savings. The cars will recharge overnight and be ready to go the next morning.

## It's Summer Vacation Time: Share a Photo of Your Vacation to Places Near or Far!







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